

CHAP. 73. Laws, the said penalties, fines or forfeitures, to be recovered and collected as debts of a similar amount now are, and applied to the uses of the said town and precincts; to appoint and qualify a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep fair and faithful minutes of their proceedings in proper and well bound books to be provided by them for that purpose, and to be subject to the inspection and examination of the inhabitants of the said town and precincts, and all persons who may be concerned; to cause the persons entitled to vote as aforesaid to be summoned by public advertisements to meet at some certain time and place within the limits of the said town; to cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the property, real and personal, within the limits of the said town and precincts, to be made and returned, from time to time, by some skilful and discreet person, to be appointed and qualified by them for such occasion; and whenever it shall be deemed necessary for any purpose beneficial to the town, to impose and levy on the property, so directed to be assessed and valued, any sum or sums of money, in equal and fair proportions, provided the money so to be imposed and levied shall not exceed in any one year the rate of thirty cents for every hundred dollars worth of property, according to such respective assessments and valuation, and in the same proportion upon any greater or smaller share of property; to appoint and qualify an active and discreet person annually, under satisfactory security, to be the bailiff of the said town, and to give such directions in the execution of his office as shall be necessary to accomplish the intentions of this act; to pay their clerk, and the bailiff of the said town respectively, a reasonable allowance for their services, to be rated by the said commissioners on the property aforesaid by equal assessments; and generally to order and promote such regulations and improvements for the benefit and advantage of the said town and precincts, as the said commissioners shall determine to be necessary.

Tax on non-residents.

8. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the quota of assessments or tax on the real property of non-residents, in case there be not personal property therein, shall be collected out of rents of such property by attachment, in the nature of a *fi. fu.* against rights and credits, and until such assessment or tax shall be paid, the same shall remain a lien upon the property, subject to interest at the rate of six *per centum per annum*.

Bailiff to be appointed—his duties.

9. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the bailiff of the said town shall be appointed annually in the month of May, and before he shall proceed to execute his office he shall take an oath, or affirmation, before the said commissioners, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff of the said town and precincts, by this act, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and without favour, affection or prejudice; and the duties of the said bailiff shall be to attend the meetings of the said commissioners whenever he shall be required; to perform such services for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act, as shall be directed by the said commissioners; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons within the limits of the said town and precincts, or if so assembled, to disperse them by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish with moderate correction, under such